# THE TEMPLE AT DIVRIĞI

### **DİVRİĞİ'DEKİ TAPINAK**

For

Piccolo Flute, Flute, Oboe, 2 Clarinets in B, 2 Bassoons, 2 Horns in F, 2 Trompetes, 2 Trombones Tb, Timpani, 2 Bass Drums, Cymbal, Tam-tam, 8 Violines-1, 8 Violines-2, 4 Violas, 4 Violoncellos, 2 ContraBasses

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#### **FORWORD**

I came to appreciate the The Temple at Divriği —a mosque and an adjacent hospital through Doğan KUBAN's marvellous book 'The Divriği Miracle'. It is patroned by Ahmed Shah in 1228-29 AC. Şifahane-The Hospital has his wife Melike Turan's name written. It is built by Hürrem Shah of AHLAT and an international team.

Doğan Kuban explains extensively the style attributes of the building. I tried to read and learn every detail by heart from his book. After this process, I began composing. I may not be completely aware of how much I have taken, the real time performance by humanbeings may bring out that.

As this is a symphonic poem, some features of Divriği Temple can be observed in my piece. Most notably, the tree of life in three layers just like the ornamentation of the north crown entrance. The herald birds which is common in the Anatolian culture. Maybe some more abstract items, the heavy colon and inner architecture, the subtle ornamentations of the mihrab, multilayered ornamentation that loses symmetry at lower levels.

The Divriği temple complex was left unfinished for a mysterious reason. It is either the patron/architect died or it is the Moguls who attacked the city around that time. I chose the second possibility to convey the disastrous effect of the use of force on the religion itself.

#### INTRODUCTION

This is a symphonic poem written for a standard orchestra. It is 11 minutes long, 31 full part pages, 231 bars. It is roughly AB - C - b a D.

It is written in a couple of months including the preparation, in summer 2017.

What I like the most is the heraldic bird voices, which I had never intended or prepared for. But I had truly admired the pictures of bird motives at the door of the hospital. Bird motive is a common element in the Anatolian culture, indicating good news are coming soon. Even my mom uses this when she does fortune telling with my coffee cup.

The percussion section fits its purpose by resembling force inherently. The use of 2 Bass Drums is not my idea. It belongs to my subconscious which also told me to put in a two drum Turkish war rhythm. There was a partial disorder and I suddenly noticed, I was using 2 bass drums.

The femine theme is also dictated by the music itself, name. I happened to write it while playing with the rhytm of the final.

The rhythm of the final is 3/8+2/8+3/8 which equals to 4/4 was pure design and belongs to my conscious and endeavour to find a middle solution between regular and irregular rhytms.

The D section, 12 tone part is pure calculation and design, like any religious abstraction. The use of crab begins here and continues with the crabs of three life trees. This was difficult and pure calculation.

The coming of Moguls had to appear suddenly by surprise. After some deliberations, I used sudden tutti rests and cut half the end of the first theme's repetition. This fits very good as I had not used rest up till the end. The use of percussion only at the end also resembles the sudden attack of Moguls.

I wrote the Moguls part first, then the beginning theme and others.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The first 8 bars is repeated three times. It gives a view of the temple from far a way. It is polymodal. There are Huseyni and Kurdi modes with D as a common tonic. A dissonant interval of E-Eflat is repeated rhytmically in the second 8 bars. This rhythm comes as a major element at the final section. 4th 8 bars are prolonged and has a transitional function.

At bar 23 we have approached to the North Crown entrance of the temple. Three trees of life are heard till bar 36. There is a transitional material till bar 54. This material has heraldic bird voices. Till bar 61 therre is a final step of the transition, which resembles the opening of the north door.

The B theme comes on Trombone and Tuba, doubled. This gives the impression of volume inside the temple. Bar 66 introduces a femine theme which belongs to Melike Turan, wife of Ahmed Shah. This theme also reminds me of the subtle ornamentations of the niche at the back of the religio us ceremony leader (mihrap). May be the TBN-Tuba theme belongs to Ahmed Shah, I do not know. This section finishes bar 111 but it repeats the femine theme while the C sections 12 tone theme begins.

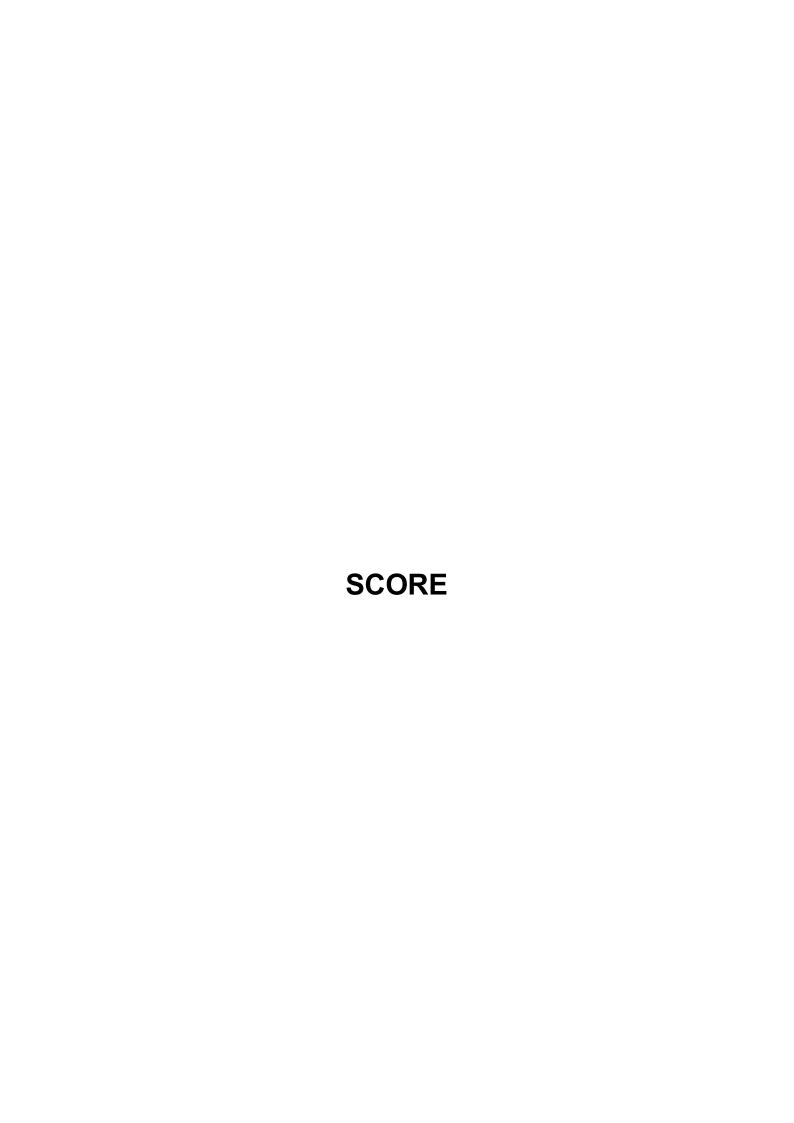
12 bars 6 + 6 repetitions of femine theme overlapping 12 tone theme twice till bar 126. 12 tone comes alone as an abstraction related to the medical practice in a religous building. 12 tone comes 3 times, first normal 2nd and third modulated and crab.

Bars 156-163 transition to life trees. Bars 167-177 three time tree of life in crab form. 178-185 the door of the north entrance, for getting out.

Bar 186 sudden silence.

Bars 187-193 very beginning, we are getting far from the north entrance. But there is sudden short silence.

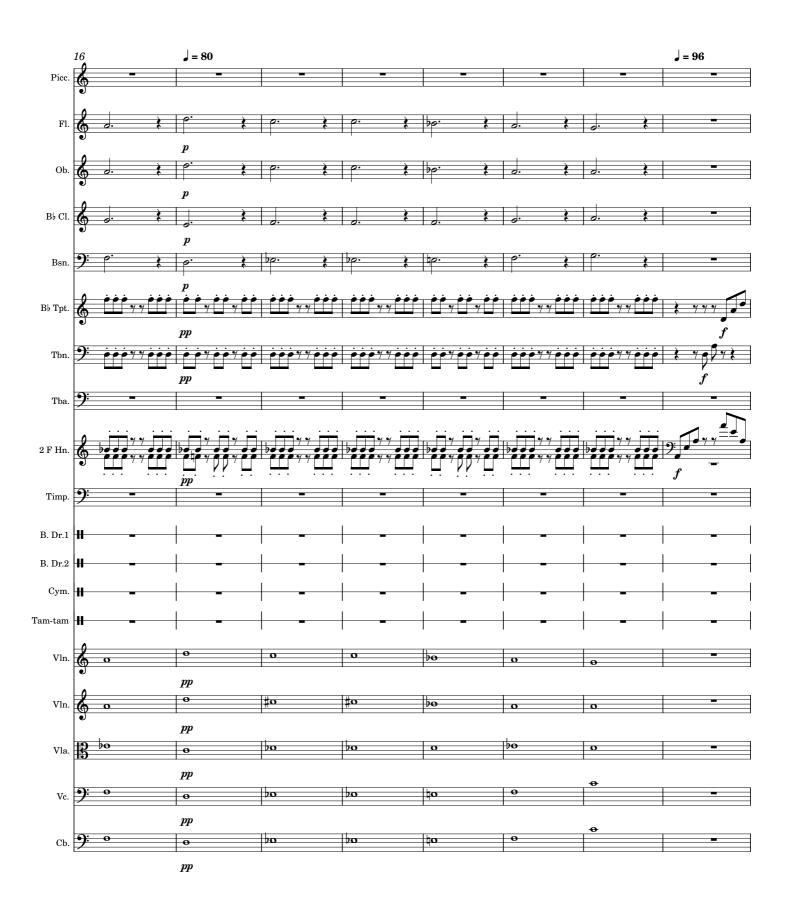
Bars 194, the far noise of Moguls attacking, it approaches and "DOMINATES" everything.

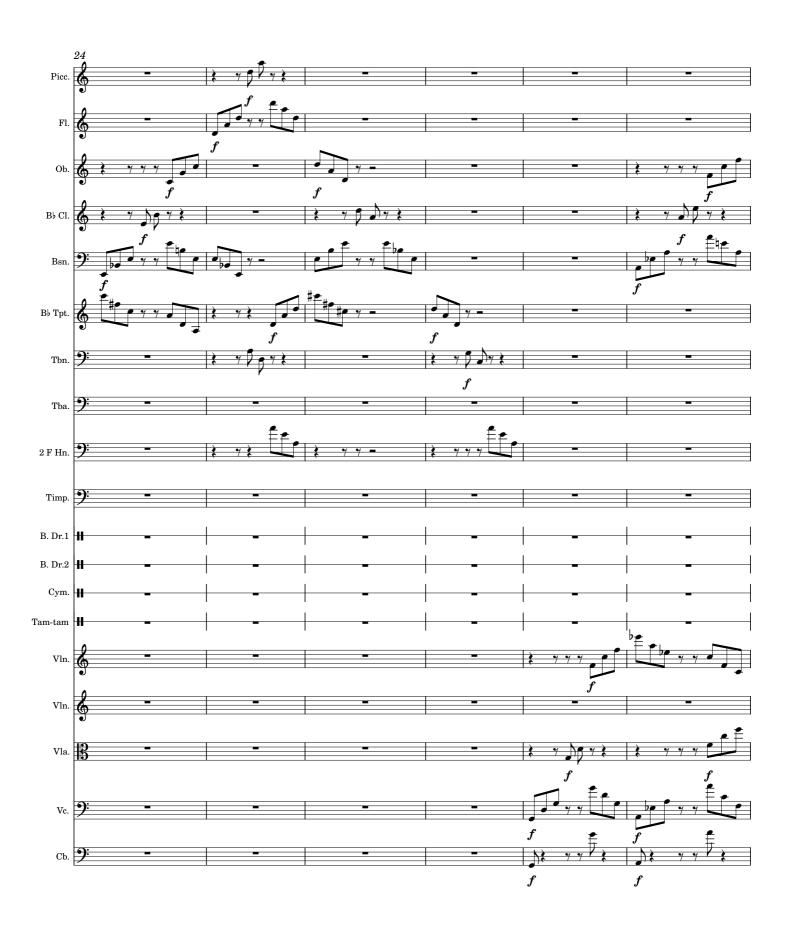


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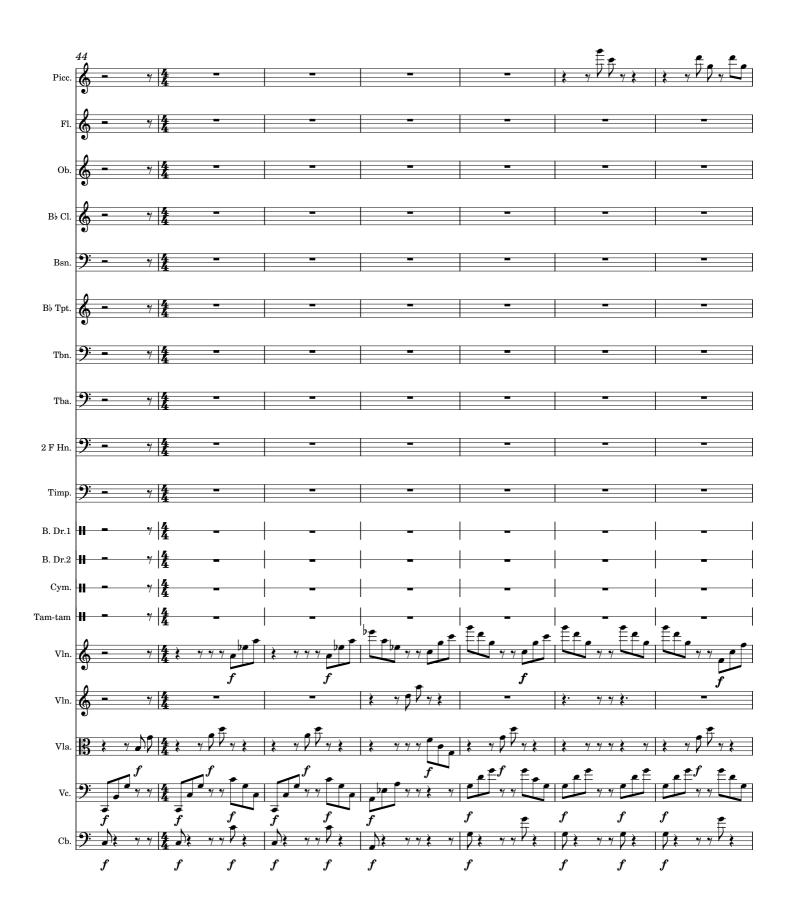


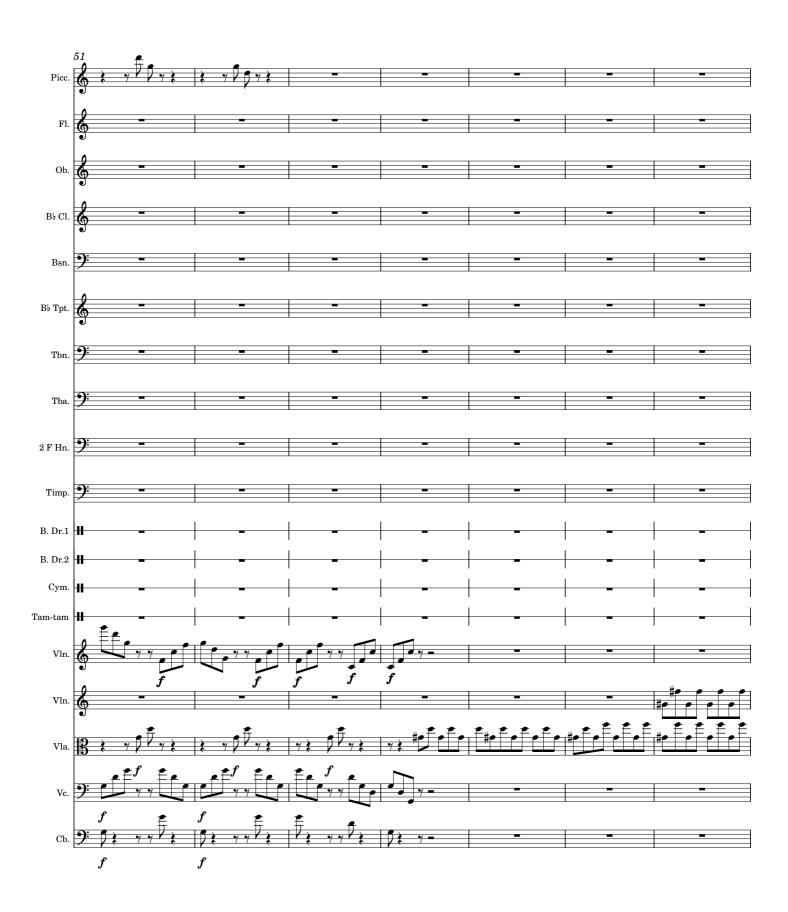


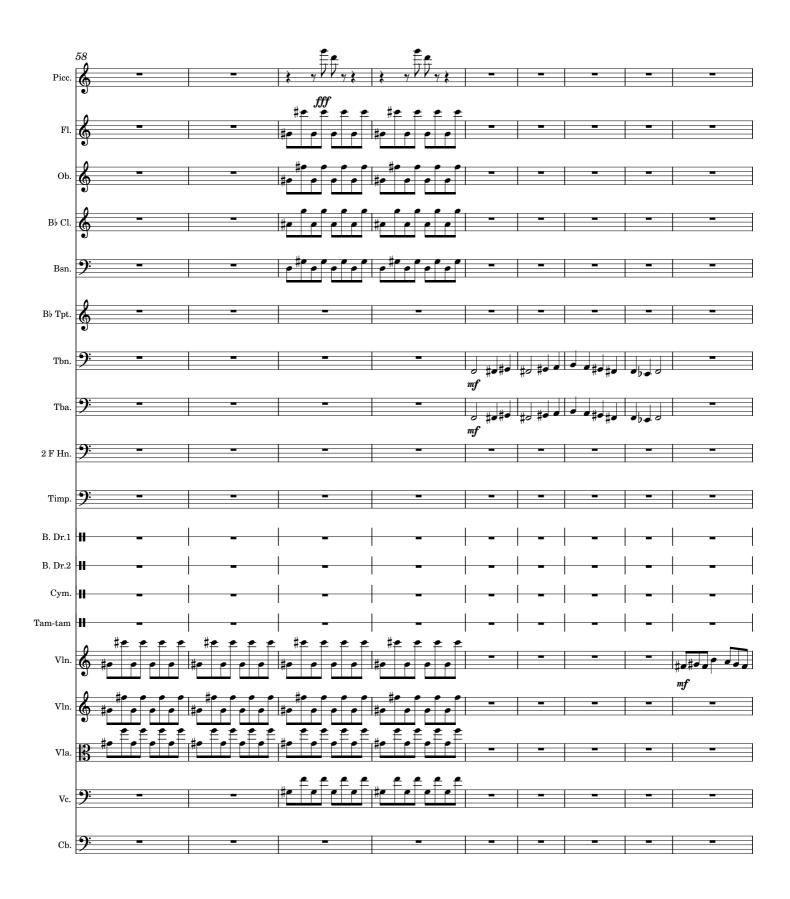




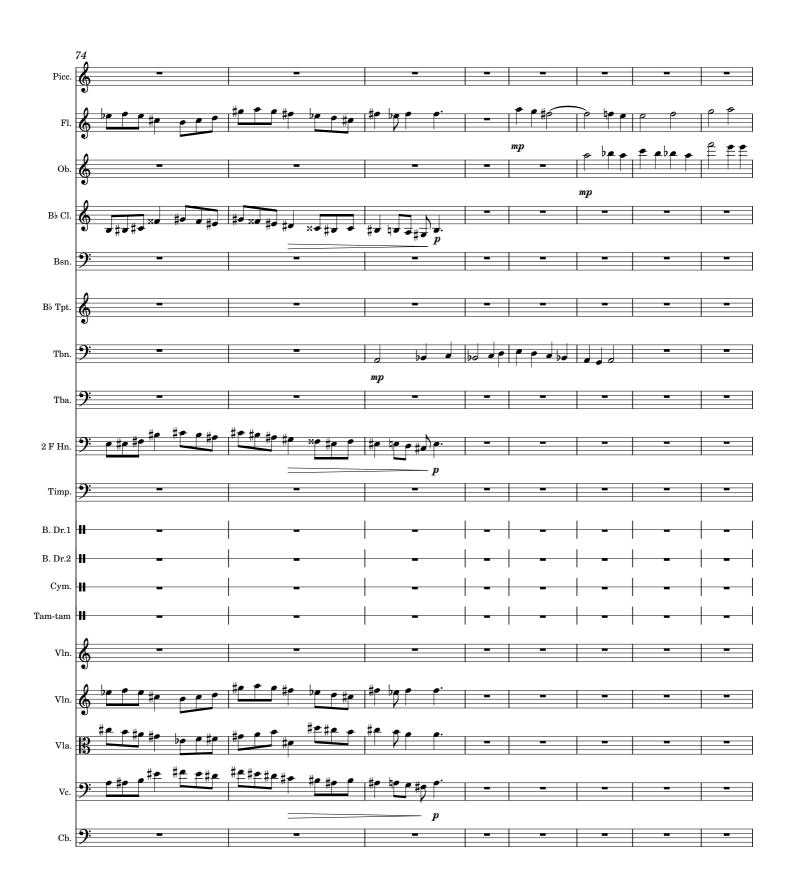




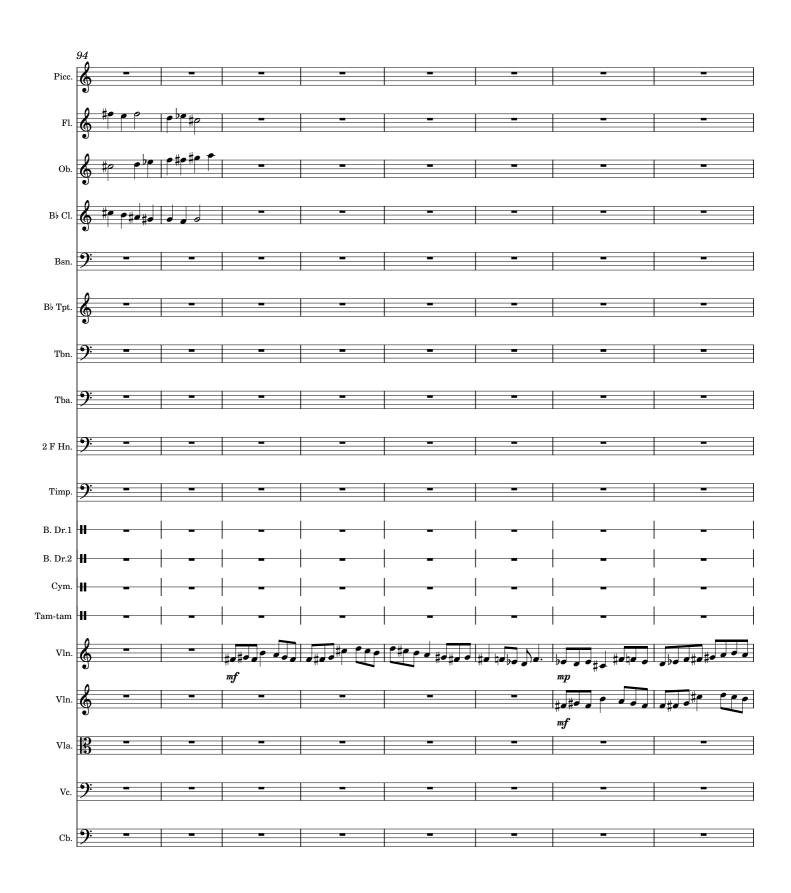






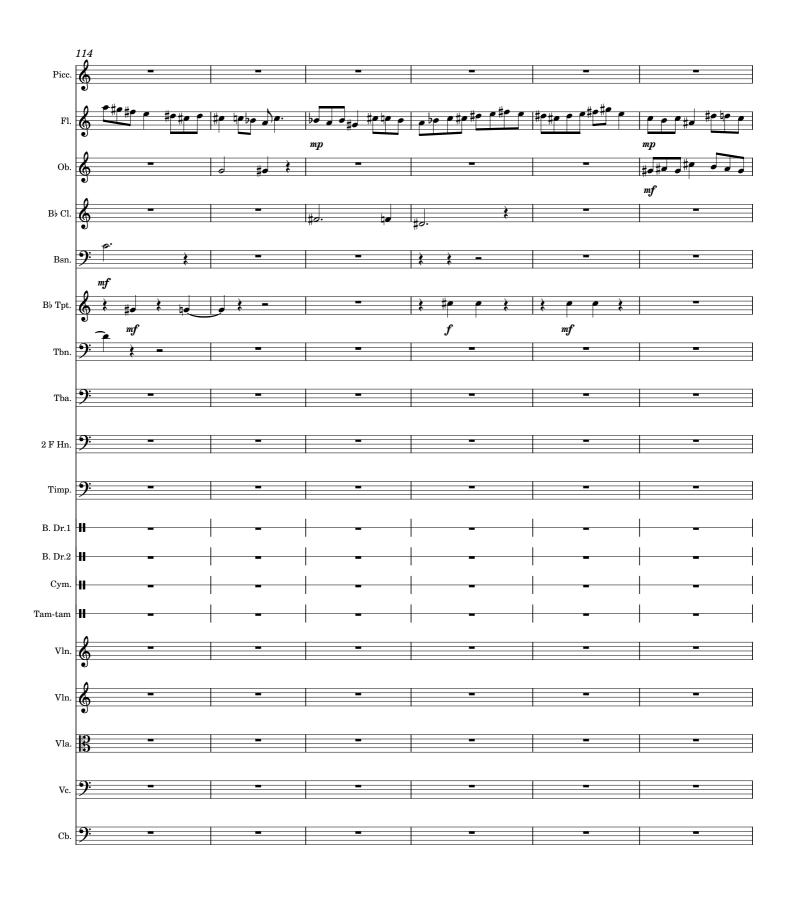




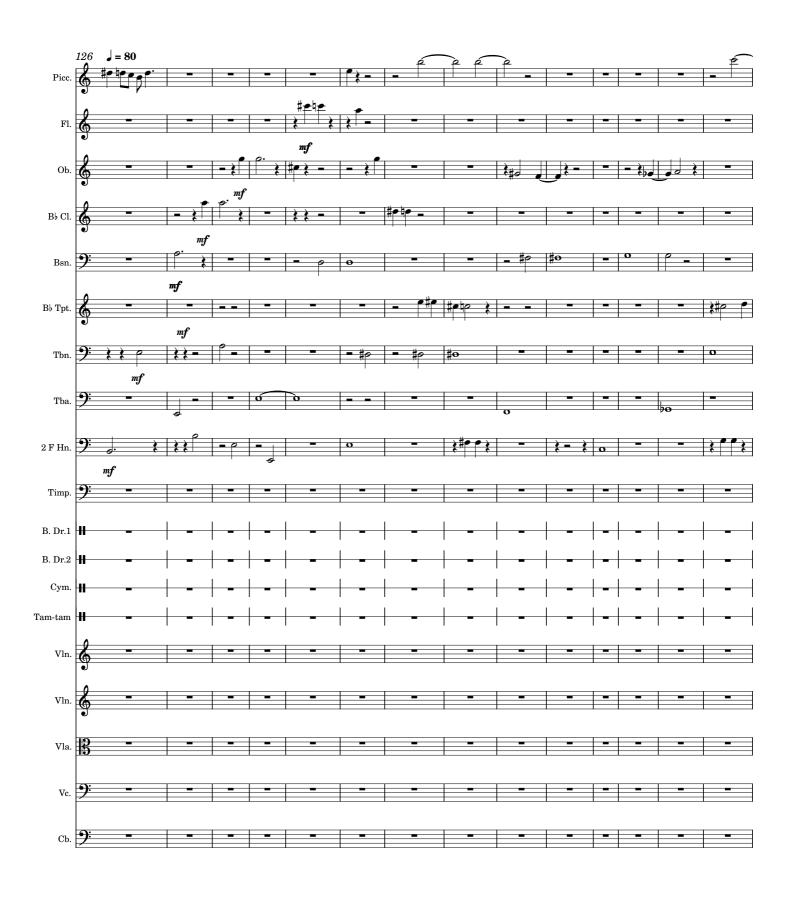


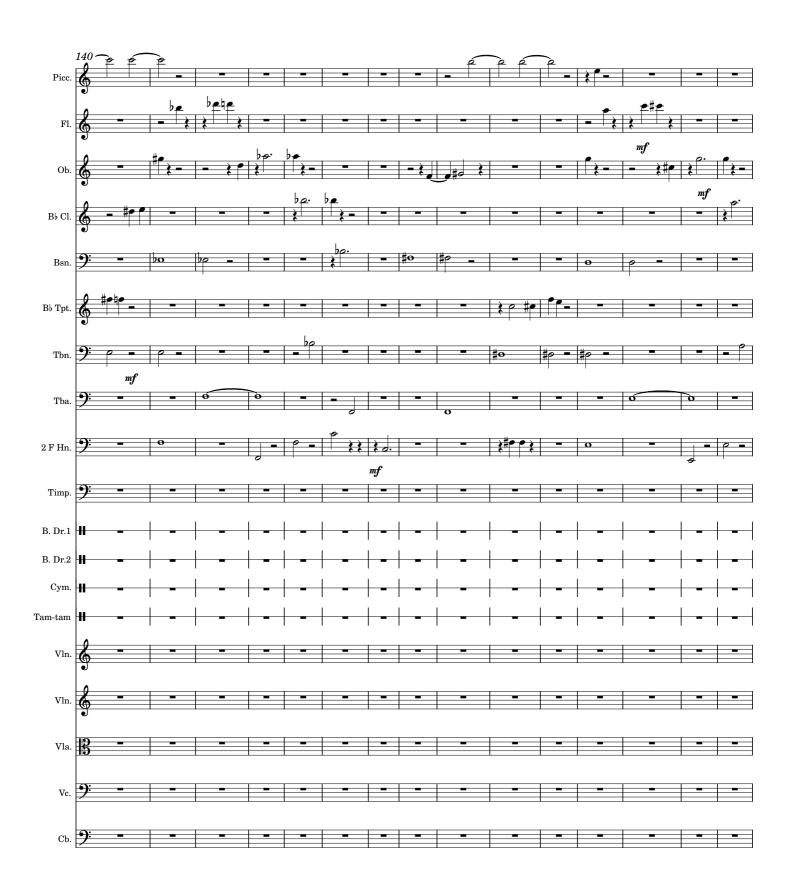


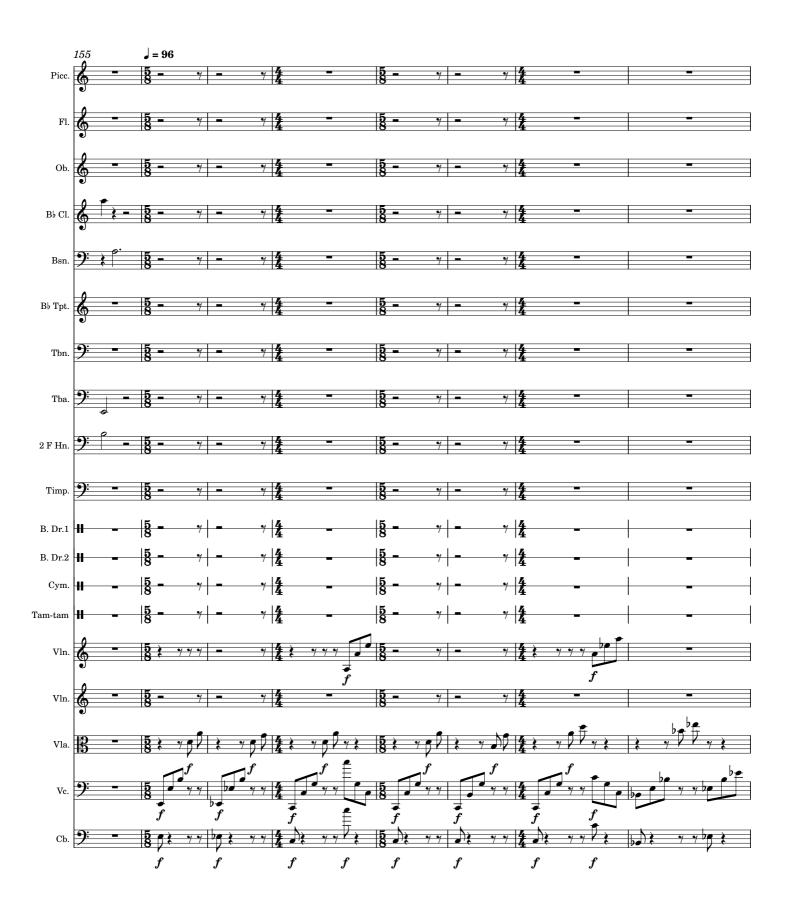


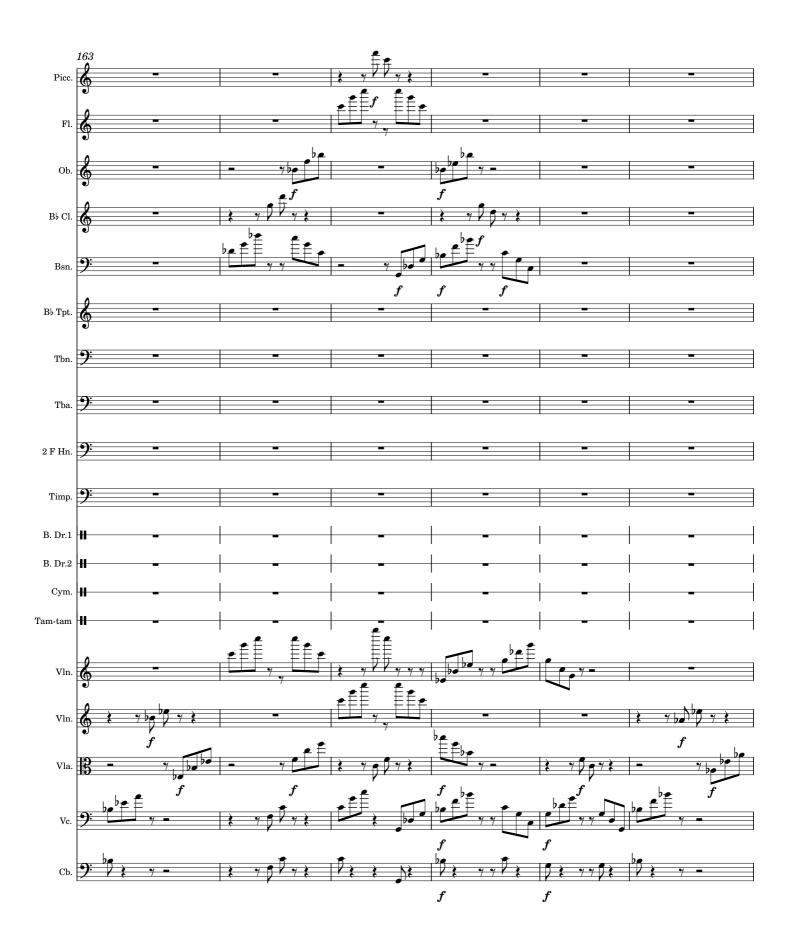


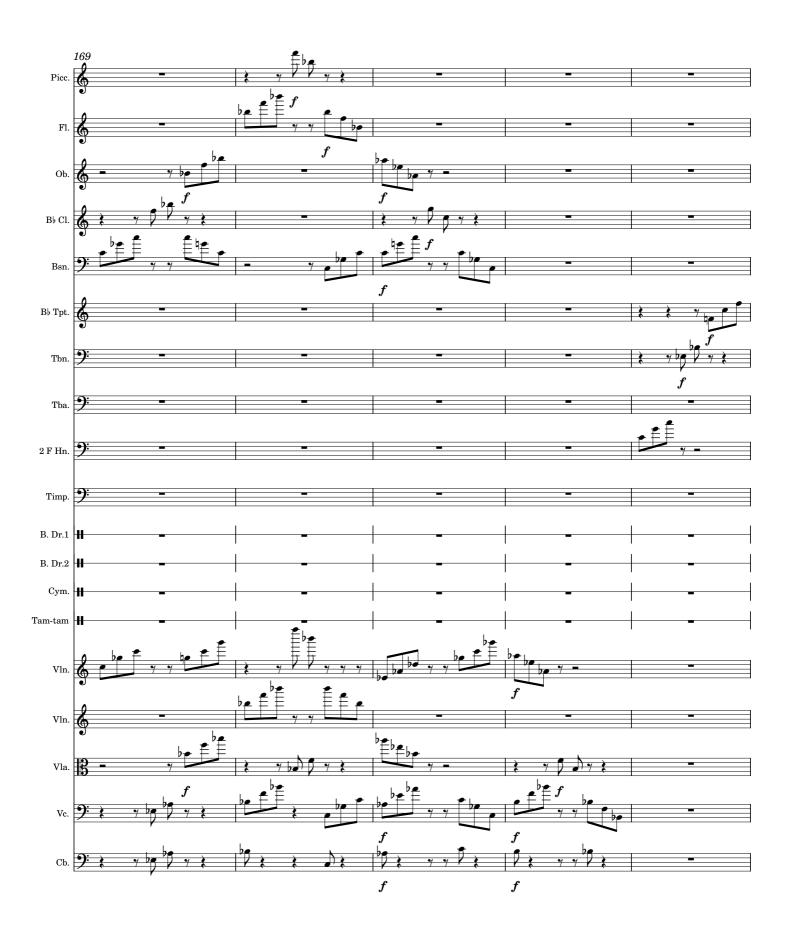


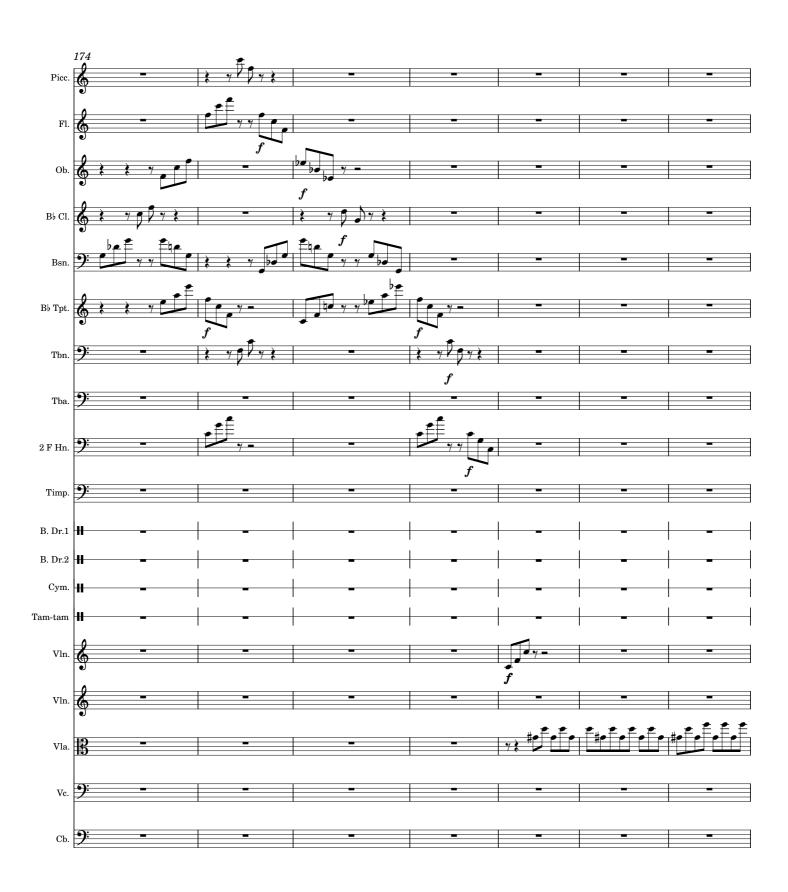






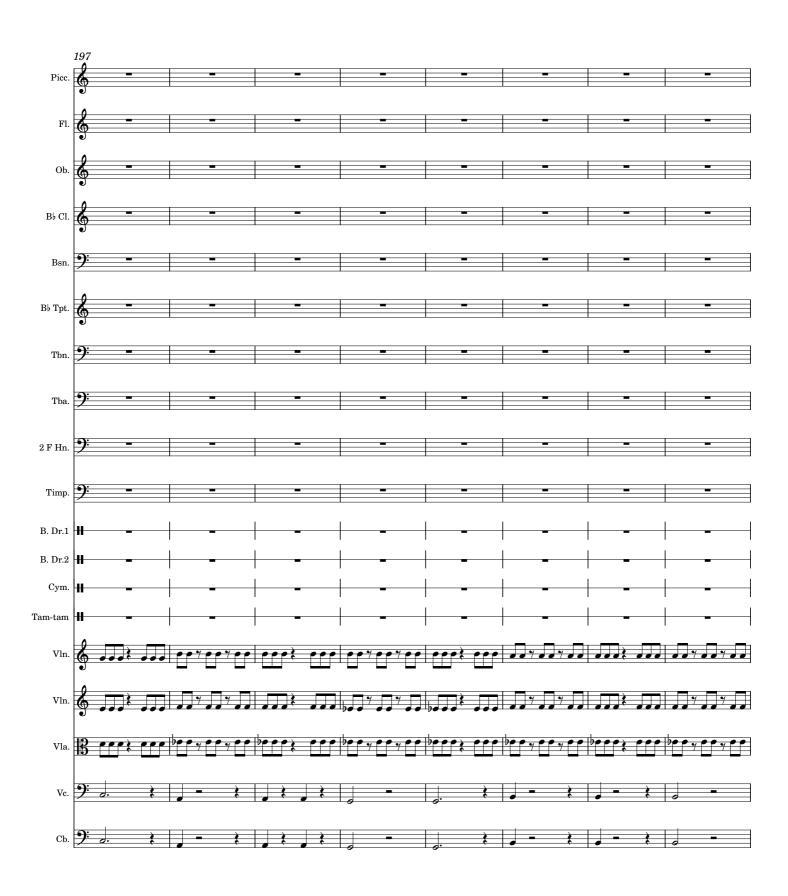


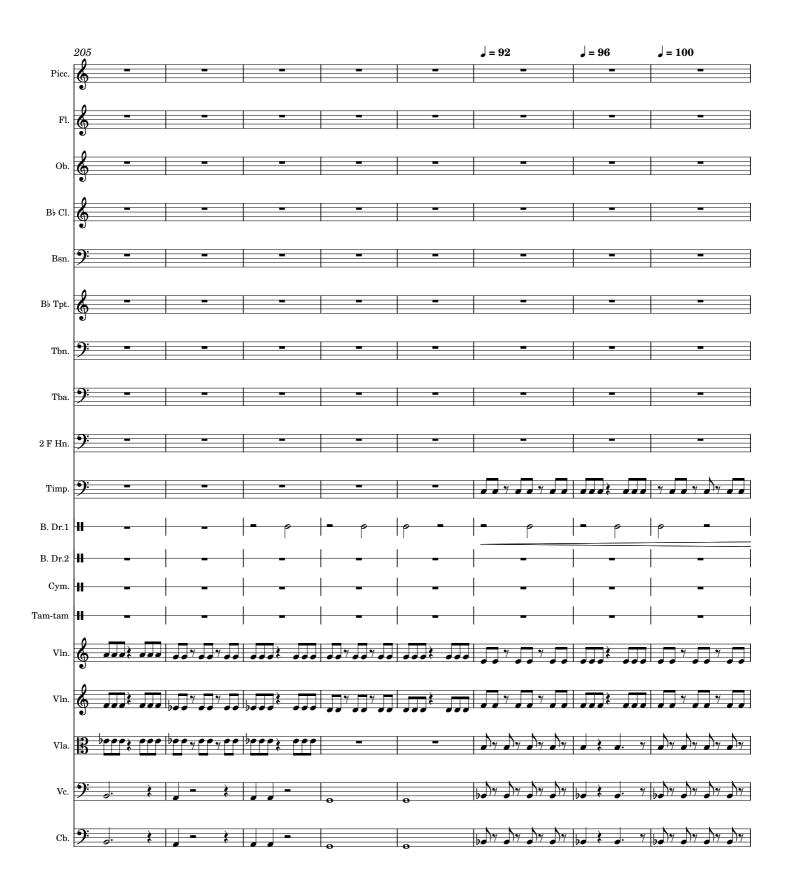






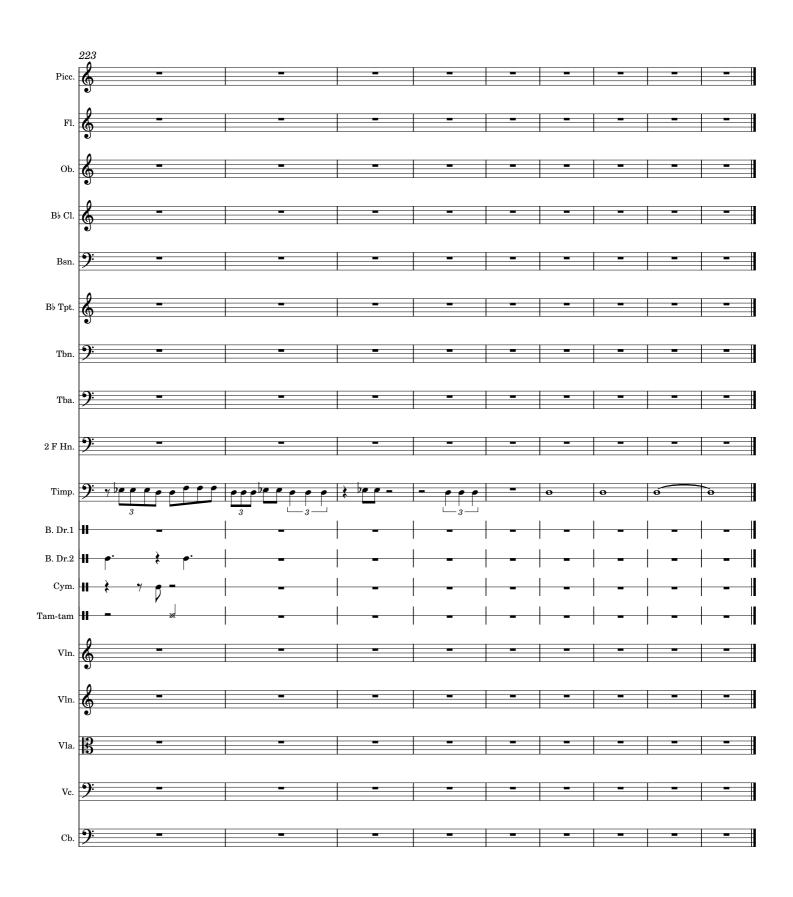






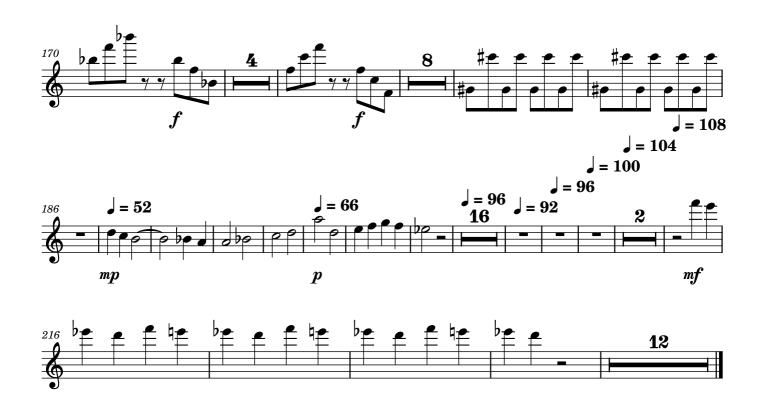




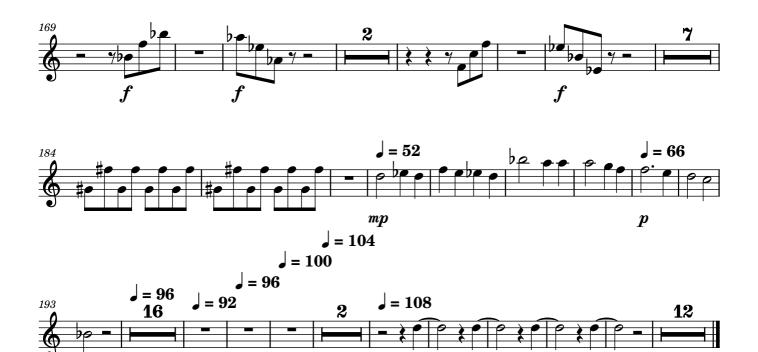












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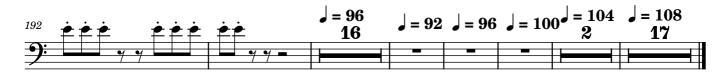












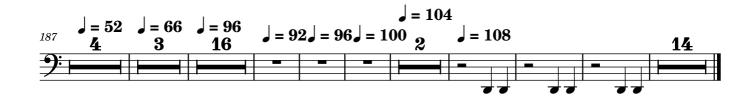




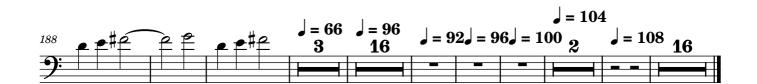






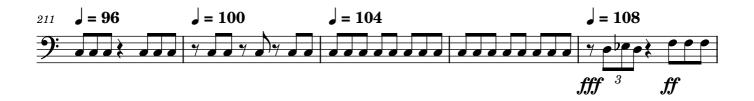








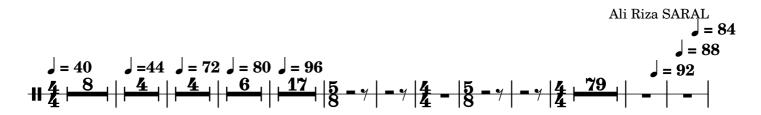


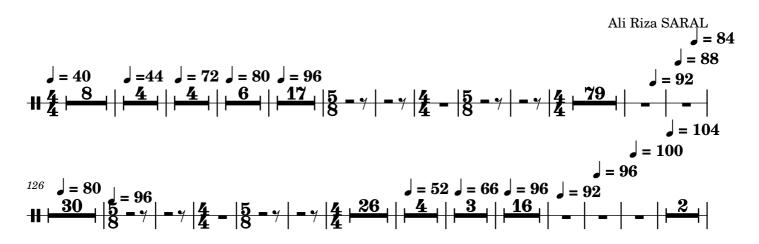






























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### **PARTS**

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#### **Short Article**

Every bullet fired returns back to the firing.

We all belong to the same whole.

We all belong to the unity of being.

If you fire at someone
You are firing at yourself in fact.
Every bullet fired belongs to the caos.
Not the truth as it is called.

Every bullet fired in the darkness Juditious or not, right or wrong Hurts our unity of being.

It hurts our beliefs, dreams, ideas.

### **About the Composer**

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You can find his compositions at Petrucci Library: <a href="http://imslp.org/wiki/Category:Saral">http://imslp.org/wiki/Category:Saral</a>, Ali Riza

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